THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Sunday School Lessons

BY DR. KENNETH L. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: Luke 11:14—12:3; 54-59
Devotional Reading: Psalm 24:1-6.

Being a Hypocrite

Lesson for January 1, 1956

Dr. Foreman

NOBODY ever began his list of New Year's Resolutions with this: "I resolve this year to be a hypocrite." Nobody wants to be a hypocrite, no one loves such a person. As if they were not already detested enough, Jesus shot at them his most piercing sarcasms. The pathetic thing is that even the best people can slip into hypocrisy without knowing it. Since Jesus "told off" the hypocrites of Galilee very plainly, we can see just what it is that makes hypocrites what they are, and be warned.

Showy Stuff

Jesus condemned the Pharisees for being concerned with the looks of things most of all. As he put it, they cleaned up the outside of the cup and the platter but the inside was left dirty. They themselves, he said, were like graves over which men walked without knowing they were there. Outside, they were a grassy park. Down under, inside, they were nothing but decay. The other day a bulldozer turned up four little coffins under what is now an airport. Nobody had guessed those bodies were under the grass. The first thing any one asked, after, "Who were these?" was "Where shall we put them now?" It turned out that the four little bodies, buried a century ago, belonged to one family; and one living relative could be found—but she did not even want to look. Let them be put under grass somewhere else, hide them as soon as possible. Well, there are characters like that. Cover all the dead stuff with something pretty,—whatever looks right is right . . . Keep thinking that way, live that way, and you will be a hypocrite too.

Trifling Stuff

Another count against the Pharisees was that they spent so much time and energy on little things that they missed the greater things that a truly good life will have. You could see Pharisees out in their back yards counting their mint-leaves. Every tenth leaf belonged to the Lord, they said; every tenth bean, every tenth lettuce-leaf, and so on. But leaf-counting took up too much of their time. Justice? The love of God? They had no time for it. They were too busy with mint-leaves. Now it is good to be conscientious about tithes; Jesus had nothing to say against that in itself. But it is rather interesting that the only times when Jesus mentioned tithing, he condemned the people who did it.—Not for doing it, but for supposing that that was the main thing in religion. When Jesus picked out something on which all the "law and the prophets" hang, a kind of nail holding up the rest of the Bible, he picked something big: Love to God and love to one's neighbor.

Old Stuff

Another way to be a hypocrite is to be so much interested in the past that you do not apply religion to the present. In Jesus' vivid language, the hypocrites built the prophets' tombs, but they were children of those who had murdered the prophets, and they were the people who would murder Jesus himself. They honored the prophets of the past; but prophets of the living present they could not see and did not honor. It is an ancient and still strong temptation. There are persons in America who are very proud of ancestors who crossed the ocean to worship God freely; but who themselves will not cross a wet street to go to church. There are persons proud of their revolutionary ancestors,, who attack with every weapon of slander any one who has any proposals for change today. Revolution in the 18th century—fine!

Revolution in the twentieth century—horrible! There are people who wish to preserve every line of some historic creed and shout down every one who has the least suggestion of change; they forget that the creed-makers they honor were themselves radicals, innovators, dangerous men in the eyes of their time. A church that becomes a preserver of antiquities, a historical society, and nothing more, with nothing to say to now, is a church the Pharisees would have loved . . . but not Jesus.

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Hixburg

Hixburg, Dec. 27.- Mrs. Edith Hix and daughter, Frances, of Richmond visited relatives in the neighborhood on the 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. Harwood Hix, of Norfolk were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson Hix on Christmas Day.

On Christmas evening, friends of Mr. Witt Goin surprised him with a carol serenade.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Martin entertained in their home the Young Peoples' Annual Sunday School Social, of Olive Branch Methodist Church, on the evening of December 23.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Covington on Christmas Eve were Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Rosser and William, and Mrs. C. C. Rosser, of Pamplin; Mr. Raymond Rosser and family, of Forest, Va., and Louella Martin.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harwood on Monday were Rev. and Mrs. Sam Harwood, of Victoria; Rev. W. M. Black and family and Miss Kate Franklin, of Pamplin, and Mrs. Edith Hix and Frances, of Richmond.

House guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carson during the holidays were Mr. Crote Carson and family, of Richmond; Mr. Uriel Carson and family, of Portsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. Elantha Carson, of Covington, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Nuckols, of Buckingham.

Santa Claus Breaks Leg

Marshall, Mo.- The Rev. Mr. Santa Claus, an elderly retired minister, recently broke his left leg in three places when a board broke under him as he started up a flight of stairs in his home. Santa Claus still expects to read hundreds of letters he gets yearly just before Christmas.

Stonewall

Stonewall, Dec. 27.- I hope every one had a nice Christmas and will have a happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Cantrell Smith and daughter, Nancy, of Kingsport, Tenn., spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Taylor, of Kingsport, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Taylor.

The Rev. and Mrs. Colie Rock had as their guests over the week-end his parents, and his brother, all of Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Drinkard, Sr., of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard, to help celebrate Mrs. Beard's birthday, it being Dec. 26. We wish for her many more happy days to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler had all their children home for the holidays except Mr. and Mrs. Don Keading. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheeler and children, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler and children, of Appomattox; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wheeler and son, Brad, of Spout Spring.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Lester Carson and Mr. C. D. Drinkard are improving. Both are in the hospital. We hope for them a speedy recovery.

Mrs. J. H. Beard had all of her children at home with her for the holidays.

Miss Alva Moore, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turnes. Miss Moore and Mrs. Turnes spent Monday with another sister, Mrs. Lois Perrow, at Sherwill.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings are in Alabama for the holidays.

DISEASE THAT ATTACKS INSECTS DISCOVERED

Experimental success with a newly discovered nematode - borne disease which kills a great many different kinds of insects has been released.

If further research, now underway, upholds preliminary findings, the disease may prove to have broad-scale application and value to American agriculture.

The disease is actually a nematode-bacteria combination, and was discovered a little more than a year ago in bacterially diseased codling moth larvae sent to USDA by Dr. W. S. Hough, of the Winchester branch of VPI Agricultural Experiment Station. Limited USDA tests carried on in cooperation with Dr. Hough in Virginia apple orchards, indicate that 60 to 70 per cent control of codling moths may be possible with the nematode-borne disease.

The method provided nearly the same degree of control of the corn earworm in tests at USDA laboratories at Beltsville. It has also proved deadly to the boll weevil and pink bollworm (both cotton pests), the vegetable weevil, a cabbage worm, and the white fringed beetle (a general crop - destroyer further South).

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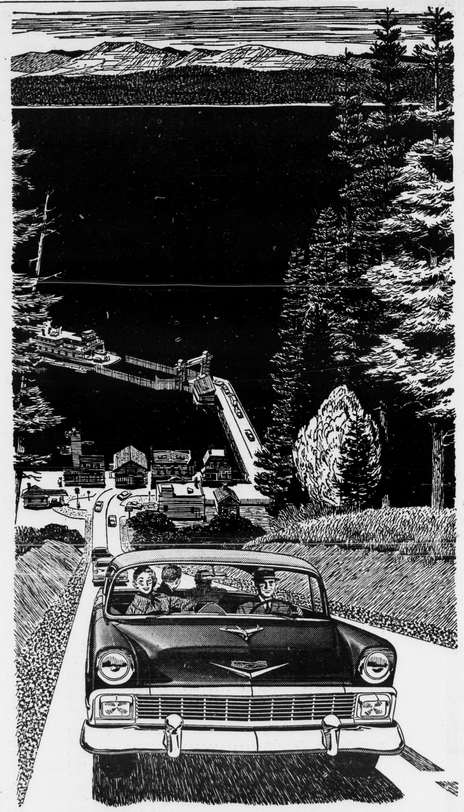

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Home Agent's Notes

By Mrs. B. G. Anderson
Home Demonstration Agent

Well, I hope everybody has had a blessed and joyous Christmas and that the New Year holds all that is good and fine for each of you.

There is a correction I want to make in last week's notes. It was Oakgrove Home Demonstration Club that put on the skit, "How to hold a club meeting," instead of Oakville Home Demonstration Club, as was stated.

I get many requests come to my office for information on special party parties, I though, this might be good time to give a few suggestions, so here goes:

Special Holiday Parties

Invitations, cut out a card double, write inside: "Cut out the old, ring in the new, come to our house, for an hour or two.

I—a good adieu."

Suggestions for New Year's party: Punch or coffee and cake, make a bell shaped cake, write date on top with frosting. Use two if needed.

February— Valentine Tea.- A Cinnamon Punch and Heart Shaped Cookies:

2 quarts apple juice or cider
4 cups pineapple juice
2 cups red cinnamon candies
1 cup lemon juice
3 pts. ginger ale.

Simmer the pineapple juice with the cinnamon candies until the candies are completely dissolved. Chill and then combine with apple juice and lemon juice. Just before serving add the ginger ale and chill with ice cubes. Note: Freeze 1 pint of ginger ale in an ice cube tray. Put 3 cinnamon candies in each cube and float in punch, serve with cheese straws, cheese wafers, heart shaped sandwiches or cookies.

Suggestions: Write invitations on red paper heart, use color scheme of red and white. Choose your man and write invitations and plan your refreshments accordingly.

George Washington's birthday:-

Cherry hat tarts and coffee:

For cherry hats cut a 4 inch circle each of pastry and freezer foil, place pastry on top of foil, fold to form 3 cornered hat, dampen corners of pastry so it will stick. Bake until lightly browned. Remove foil carefully, fill with cherries, frozen or canned, cover with cherry glaze.

Cherry Glaze

1 cup cherry juice
1 tbsp. corn starch
1 tbsp. sugar with 1-4 cup of cold juice

Add to hot juice. Cook until thick and clear. Pour over cherries.

(Note: This feature to be continued)

WOODMEN NEWS

The Supreme Forest Woodman Grove 73, had its Christmas party Dec. 13, at the home of Mrs. Addie Ould. Everyone enjoyed playing games and gifts were exchanged.

The hostess served delicious refreshments.

Dial 2811 with Personals.

Colored Dots

Impressive Christmas services were held at the Promise Land Baptist Church on Christmas morning. The pastor delivered a special sermon from the subject: The group around the cradle. All present enjoyed the message. The choir rendered special Christmas music. The offering was very good. A special free will offering for the aged of the church was taken at the close of the service. The following ladies of the church reported in the Months Rally that came to a close on the second Sunday night in December: Mrs. Thelma Hancock, $28.50; Mr. Virgil Fleshman, $22.50; Miss Mattie Fleshman, $4.00, and Mrs. Lucille Calloway, 3.00. A total of $57.00 was reported for the rally. Other captains are asked to report at the next regular service.

The union Christmas tree service held at the Galilee Baptist Church last Friday at 8 P. M. was well attended. Presentations were made to the pastor of the First Baptist Church on behalf of the Men's Club and the Ladies Aid of the church. The superintendent of the First Baptist Sunday School was also given a gift. The pastor of the Galilee Church was given a gift on the third Sunday morning.

The evening service of the Mount Shion Baptist Church was well attended Sunday night. The Sunday School conducted the service. The church presented to the pastor a special purse at the close of the service.

Christmas tree exercises were held at the Promise Land Church Monday at 8 P. M. Miss Mattie Fleshman was mistress of ceremony.

The annual church meeting of Galilee Baptist Church will be held this Saturday at 8 P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Fleshman announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Loraine Fleshman to Mr. Charles Booker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Booker, Sr., of the Mount Airy community. The wedding took place recently in the home of Rev. H. H. Cabell.

Mr. William Chambers and Miss Jinny Bell Hicks were married on Dec. 17 in the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. Q. Lawing.

Rev. C. A. Marshall has returned to his home after visiting his sick brother in Shreveport, La.

A family reunion was held at the home of Mrs. Lucy Wheeler on Christmas Day.

Dr. Franklin Jones spent Christmas in New York.

The regular county teachers' association meeting will be held this Monday at 6 P. M. at Carver-Price High School.

NOTICE: The public is asked to note that beginning with the New Year, Florence Beauty Shop will be closed every Monday. The rest of the week, hours for service will be from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. Many thanks for your patronage during 1955.

(Signed) Mrs. Folrence J. Lawing.

HEALTH & BEAUTY

Time flies in this modern world. We are faced with many problems and tensions that our grandmothers never had to deal with. It is no wonder that more people than ever before are having nervous breakdowns. All this tends to make us age faster.

Fortunately, there are a few tricks in living which we can apply to barricade ourselves against early aging. A list of them would incide good nutrition, good posture, happy thoughts, eager interests and careful skin and hair care. Then there is exercise, which has great magical powers.

As the years fly by, there are a few exercises which will be especially good for you. Here is one of them:

Stand with your back toward the wall with your head, shoulders and hips touching the wall. Your heels should be about six inches away from the wall. Pull your abdomen in hard until the curve of your back touches the wall. Hold while you count slowly to six. Later, you can extend the count to twenty. Lift the chest and relax the abdomen. Repeat a number of times.

Another: Lie on your back on the floor, arms and palms resting on the floor, legs straight. Slowly life both legs as you lift your head. Don't duck your chin. Now slowly return legs and head to the floor.

PERSONALS

Mr. Charles Wright, of Norfolk, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blackwell Monday afternoon.

Those who were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blackwell Monday were Mrs. J. J. Chenault, Miss Jenette Chenault, Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Chenault, and Debra; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bailey and Phyllis; Mr. and Mrs. Wiley McCormick and Brenda and Curtis, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Chenault and Gene, and Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Hamlet.

Richwood

Richwood, Dec. 27.- "A man can do more than he thinks he can, but he usually does less than he thinks he does." —Quoted.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson and daughter, Judy, were the guests Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ferguson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Price and family and Mr. Harry Carter visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Brannan and daughters, Val and Georgie Belle Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge visited with Miss Estella Wooldridge and family Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Martin and son visited over the Christmas holidays with their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodall and Mr. and rMs. A. T. Powell were the guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh and Mr. G. T. Marsh.

Mr. Tom Marsh is visiting with relatives in Lynchburg this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge spent Sunday night in Lynchburg with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson and Judy and Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Brannan and daughters Monday.

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